Posted on: 2023-03-23T00:00:00.00-04:00

DB Reference N°: IDB-P1158961-03/23

Country: Bahamas

Institution: Inter-American Development Bank

Sector: Renewable Energy

Deadline: 2023-06-02T00:00:00.00-04:00

Status: Published

Loan N°./Financing: GRT/ER-18625-BH

Project: Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas

Title: Letter of Invitation: Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at The University of The Bahamas

---

Borrower/Bid No:

March 22nd, 2023

Reference: **Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at The University of The Bahamas.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This document defines the scope of work and technical specifications required for **Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of the Rooftop Solar PV System at The University of The Bahamas.** The Project Owner will be the Government of The Bahamas (GoBH) with the Project Execution Unit (PEU) within the Ministry of Finance (MoF) providing project development and project management support as the Contracting Agency. The rooftop solar PV systems will be owned by the MoF.

Background

The purpose of this contract is to Design, Procure, Construct, Install, Connect, Commission, Operate and Maintain Grid Tied Solar Photovoltaic Systems at The University of The Bahamas. The aim of which is to obtain a minimum of 291kWp of electricity, which is generated consistent with local utility interconnection requirements.

Table 1 – Lot, and Minimum System Output

Lot	Minimum kWp to be Installed	Number of Buildings	Number of Roof Sections
University of The Bahamas	291	4	6

Subject to the specifications herein, the Project scope includes the following facilities:

- All equipment (including PV modules, mounting structures, inverters, and related/ancillary equipment) to comprise PV systems with an aggregate capacity of 291kWp minimum.
- AC collection equipment to combine the output of each inverter and connect to the relevant utility Points of Interconnection.
- Data acquisition systems.

The RFB is for 1 lot. The delivery/construction period is August 8, 2023 to March 29, 2024.

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Initial Operation and Maintenance of a 291kWp solar PV system at The University of The Bahamas located in Nassau, N.P., The Bahamas. Please see Technical Specifications for more details.

This procurement process will be conducted in accordance with the Policies for Procurement of Goods and Works financed by the Inter-American Development Bank GN-2349-15 January 2020. To increase its visibility and allow for an extended eligibility and outreach this document will also be published in UNDB (https://devbusiness.un.org/), IDB (https://projectprocurement.iadb.org/en/procurement-notices) and the Government of The Bahamas' eProcurement website https://mofvendors.gov.bs to facilitate bidders' participation. All requests for clarification of this RFB are to be submitted as a message within this request for bids via the eProcurement website.

General queries can be sent to:

Antoinette Moxey

Procurement Specialist,

Project Execution Unit,

Ministry of Finance

reconrenewableenergy@bahamas.gov.bs

Interested eligible bidders should carefully review the qualifications instructions stated in Clause 5 of Section B: General Instructions and Appendix F of this National Competitive Bidding document. A Bidder who has an existing contractual agreement with Ministry of Finance Reconstruction with Resilience in the Energy Sector in The Bahamas (the "RRESB") for a solar energy project (the "Existing Works") under either the Loan #4978/OC-BH, or the EU-CIF GRT/ER-18625/OC-BH shall not be eligible to bid for another project issued by the RRESB until such time as 70% of the Existing Works have been completed as per the agreed milestone payment schedule by bid opening date.

A virtual pre-bid meeting will be held on April 4, 2023, for which a link to participate in the meeting will be sent.

A complete set of this National Competitive Bidding with international advertising. Documents in English is attached to this invitation letter for your consideration and preparation of your technical and financial offer that meet the project requirements. The content of the National Competitive Bidding set of documents includes:

a. The present invitation letter(s)

b. General Instructions, The Bid Forms

c. The scope of work, Technical Specifications and Performance requirements

d. Contract forms

e. Appendices

f. Annexes and Exhibits

Bids must be uploaded on The Government of The Bahamas' eProcurement website at or before 11:59 pm on June 2, 2023. In order to access the portal a bidder must be registered as a vendor. All unregistered bidders can register at https://mofvendors.gov.bs. All questions regarding this process are to be directed to The Ministry of Finance at 242-702-1500.

All bids shall be submitted in accordance to the instructions provided on The Government of The Bahamas' eProcurement website, and accompanied by a Bid Validity Declaration completed using the form included in Section C of the RFB document.

Late bids will be rejected and returned to sender. Bids will be opened virtually in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at 10:00 am on June 5, 2023, for which a virtual link will be sent.

A site visit will be held at 10:00 am on April 19, 2023 at The University of The Bahamas campus.

The contract will be awarded to the Bidder whose Bid has been determined to be substantially responsive to the Bidding Documents, and represents the lowest evaluated cost, provided that such Bidder has been determined to be eligible in accordance with the Inter-American Development Bank and EU provisions.